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Hauptmann *et al.*

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Proteins And DNA's Coding
For Them**

Art Unit: 1812

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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 28, 1992, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 8, 15, and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 7, line 2, delete "1 or".

Claim 9, line 5, delete "or a fragment".

Claim 13, lines 3-5, delete "or functional derivative of the TNF binding protein, wherein said functional derivative binds TNF".